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Applicant: Hiroaki Shizuya  
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Filed: June 28, 2001  
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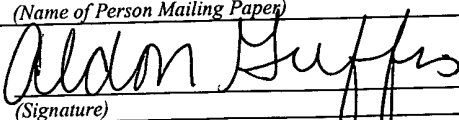
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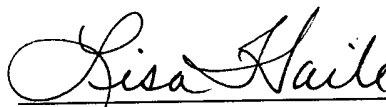
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